glazed newsprint as per the Newsprint Allocation Policy 1989-90.

Increase in capacity of DMS milk plant

• 490. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the capacity of the DMS milk plant in view of growing demand of the capital's consumers; and

(b) if so, what is the present capacity of the DMS .milk plant and the capacity proposed to be increased ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DE°ARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAY/) : (a) and (b) The milk handling capacities of Delhi Milk Scheme are being expanded to reach a marketing level of 5 00 lakh litres per day of Tonne! Milk from the present Ivevel of around 4.12 lakh litres a day (average).

Special provisions for supply of essential commodities to Assam due to floods

491. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKR VARTY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any special provision for the supply of essential commodities like rice, pulses etc. in order to meet any situation during these months of floods in Assam; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b) The Food Corporation of India has been asked lo build up buffer stocks of wheat and rice to meet the requirements of the area during the monsoon. In spite of constraints, due to disruption of communications in recent months, FCI was holding stocks of wheat and rice to meet the requirements of Assam/North East States for 3 months and 1 month respectively at the current level of all ocations. (As on 30-6-89)puless are not supplied under PDS.

492. *[Transferred to the 21th July,* 1989.]

Registration of new TV serials for National Telecast

493. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD CASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan's authirities stopped registering new serial for national telecast in view of the huge number of serials already registered; and

(b) if so, what is the total number of serials registered till date and by when new registration is likely to be accepted ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TEWARY) : (a) Yes, Sir- Doordarshan stopped accepting fresh proposals for sponsored serials with effect from 7-5-1985.

(b) 1656 proposals for serials were registered wth Doordarshan till 7-5-1986 Doordarshan has, since then, revised the scheme for sponsored serials. It is envisaged to